











Zaizen: 99 trillion, 694 billion yen
Fujita: 99 trillion, 686 billion yen







OF
COURSE.
THE
INVESTMENT
CLUB WILL
GO ON.



SO IT'S
SETTLED,
THEN?



I'M
GLAD...



YOU MUST
HAVE SPENT
A LOT OF
MONEY TO
ARRANGE
THIS MATCH.

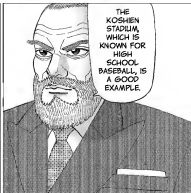
SORRY FOR
HAVING PUT
YOU
THROUGH
SO MUCH
TROUBLE.



HUH?



SPENDING
MONEY ON
IT WAS
PERFECTLY
PROPER.





WHY?
SO THAT
THE HANSHIN
TIGERS
WOULD HAVE
A STADIUM
THEY COULD
CALL THEIR
HOME.

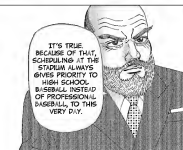


DO YOU
BOYS KNOW
WHY KOSHIEEN
STADIUM WAS
BUILT?



...THE
NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT.

WRONG.
THAT
STADIUM WAS
ORIGINALLY
BUILT FOR...



IT'S TRUE.
BECAUSE OF THAT,
SCHEDULING AT THE
STADIUM ALWAYS
GIVES PRIORITY TO
HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL INSTEAD
OF PROFESSIONAL
BASEBALL, TO THIS
VERY DAY.



HIGH-
SCHOOL
BASEBALL?
SERIOUS-
LY?



THEIR GREATNESS IS EVINced BY THE FACT THAT THEY LAVISHED A FORTUNE TO BUILD THE BEST STADIUM POSSIBLE FOR THE SAKE OF KIDS' BASEBALL.

THE PROJECT WAS THE FOUNDATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF BASEBALL IN JAPAN, INASMUCH AS IT REPRESENTED THE HIGH GOAL OF "AIMING TO BECOME THE BEST IN JAPAN, IN JAPAN'S BEST STADIUM."

THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BECAUSE ADULTS MADE AN ENORMOUS INVESTMENT FOR THE SAKE OF CHILDREN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF ASAHI NEWS WAS ITS SPONSOR. AFTER A DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF HANSHIN RAILWAY, THE TWO OF THEM DECIDED TO BUILD THE LARGEST STADIUM IN THE WORLD, AND THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE KOSHIE STADIUM.

THE FIRST NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WAS IN 1915. IT BECAME IMMENSELY POPULAR, AND THE NEED AROSE TO BUILD A LARGE STADIUM.

THE DUO WAS FAR-SIGHTED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT SETTLE FOR SEATING CAPACITY OF 20,000, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT FOR KIDS' BASEBALL GAMES; THEY CONSTRUCTED A HUGE STADIUM THAT WOULD SEAT 50,000.



JAPAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNPARALLELED THAT WAY! WE'VE NEVER HELD BACK WHEN IT COMES TO INVESTING FOR THE SAKE OF CHILDREN.

IF YOU LOOK ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, THERE IS NO OTHER COUNTRY THAT HAS BUILT A 50,000-SEAT CAPACITY STADIUM TO ACCOMMODATE CHILDREN'S SPORTS.

Banners: "National High-School Baseball Championship Tournament"



THEIR TALENTS GET CULTIVATED, AND THEY BECOME MARVELOUS HUMAN RESOURCES WHO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY!

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE FRUITS OF INVESTMENTS SINCERELY ENDEAVOR AND GROW!



IT WAS AN
OPPORTUNITY
FOR BOTH OF
YOU TO
GROW.

ZAIZEN-KUN
AND SHINJI
BATTLED IT
OUT WITH
RESPECT TO
FINANCES.



IT WAS
PERFECTLY
PROPER THAT I
SPENT MONEY
FOR YOUR
SAKE.

SUCH BEING
THE CASE, IT
WAS MY DUTY
TO SPONSOR
THE BEST
ARENA
FOR THE
COMPETITION!



SO THAT'S
WHY IT WAS
SUCH AN
ELABORATE
ARRANGE-
MENT...

I SEE.



I WAS
PUZZLED
BY WHY AN
ELDERLY
MAN WOULD
TAKE A KIDS'
SQUABBLE SO
SERIOUSLY.

I GET IT
NOW.



I'M SO
GLAD TO
KNOW
THAT.

YOU
INVESTED
FOR THE
SAKE OF
THEIR
GROWTH.



...BUT I AM
GRATEFUL
FOR THE
CARE YOU'VE
GIVEN US.

I DON'T
KNOW IF
I'VE GROWN
FROM THE
EXPERIENCE IN
ACCORDANCE
WITH YOUR
EXPECTA-
TIONS.



...BUT
I MUST
HONOR
THE
RESULT.

I'M
EXTREMELY
RUEFUL THAT
I LOST.







